

A bill for an act
relating to employment; requiring a report on green jobs in the food production
sector; appropriating money for farm-to-school and farm-to-home pilot projects.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **GREEN JOBS FOOD PRODUCTION STUDY AND REPORT.**

The board of the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute must prepare a detailed study of this state's food production sector in coordination with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; urban, rural, and tribal community-based agriculture and food security organizations; members of the legislature who served on committees created by the Green Jobs Task Force; and other interested stakeholders. The study must define the size of the employment base and identify opportunities to increase the number of green jobs in each of the following sector segments: organics, local, conventional, natural, traditional, and urban farming. No later than January 15, 2010, the board of the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute must report its findings to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over employment and economic development policy and finance.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; LOCAL FOOD PILOT PROJECTS.**

\$..... in fiscal year 2009 is appropriated from funds received from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to fund farm-to-school and farm-to-home pilot projects in urban, rural, and tribal communities that encourage healthy eating for children and strengthen local economies. The commissioner shall develop program eligibility and

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- 2.1 award grant funds in consultation with legislative members who served on committees
- 2.2 created by the Green Jobs Task Force.